

Amendment: **25**

**Commission on Indigent Defense/Judicial Department/ General Provision  
Section 117**

Representatives Pitts and GM Smith propose the following amendment:

New

**117.idsr (Indigent Defense Screening Review) The Commission on Indigent Defense and the SC Judicial Department Court Administration Program shall consult with the Summary Court Judges' Association and Clerks of Court Association on issues regarding the screening of applicants for indigent defense representation. The Commission on Indigent Defense and Court Administration will make recommendations to the Chairman of Ways and Means, Chairman of House Judiciary, Chairman of Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of Senate Judiciary no later than December 1, 2017 regarding: requirements for applicants to verify their financial status, supporting documentation that should be required of all applicants; who should conduct the screening, what resources are necessary to properly screen applicants and any other recommendations that will assist in ensuring only those applicants that are truly indigent qualify for the services of a public defender or other appointed counsel.**